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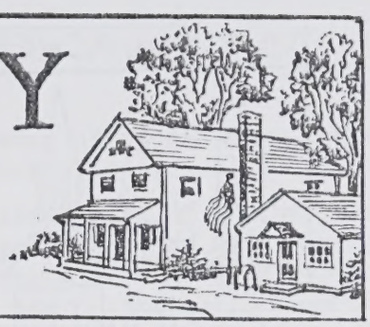


March 15, 1978

OUR TOWN

Views on Lakes

Some summer and year-round residents of Monterey have expressed their concern about the "speedboat problem," and this is an attempt to present the issues and a request for readers's reactions.

The issues seem to me to be these: Motorboats are a lot of fun, but on small lakes they create serious noise pollution, their wakes erode the banks, their propellers chop up and spread weeds, and they can be hazardous to other boaters and swimmers. While a good many people want to use the lakes for motorboating, others wish there were some restrictions. Is there a way to reconcile these conflicting interests, to reduce noise, to keep swimmers safe, and to protect the lakes from further deterioration?

I believe that several Massachusetts towns have voted to limit speedboats and that these limits have been upheld by State courts. I have requested advice from the Division of Marine and Recreationsl Vehicles and await their reply.

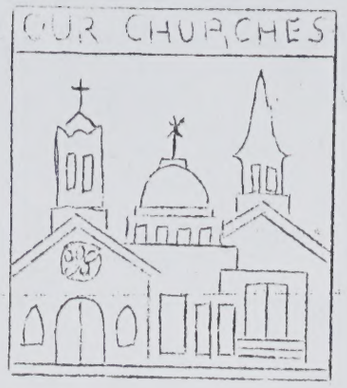
There seem to be four options available: limits on speed, limits on horse-power limits on times (certain hours, certain days) and limits on location (certain areas in the lakes). All would be hard to enforce, even if town agreement were reached on their desirability.

Motor boating will doubtless increase if a public access ramp is constructed, although perhaps public concern for the natural environment and awareness of the limits of fossil fuel energy resources (and the price of gas and oil) may encourage motorboaters to become self-limiting.

Monterey's annual town meeting is set for Saturday, May 6, beginning around 10 a.m. and there will be some discussion of these issues even though they are not on the warrant. People concerned about the lakes are invited to attend but cannot vote unless registered in Monterey. I hope readers of the Monterey News will send ideas and opinions to me, Dean Allen, 64 State St., Amherst, Mass. 01002, to the Editor or to the Monterey Selectmen. I believe the Lake Garfield Association is planning to poll its membership; perhaps the Lake Buel Association will want to do so too. Citizen involvement should be as widespread as possible.

Special Town Meeting.

There will be a special Town Meeting Wednesday, March 22, at 8 p.m. in the social room of the church. One item on the warrant will be the redistribution of available funds in the Town Budget.



CATHOLIC CHURCH

Immaculate Conception Church, Mill River -- Mass at 10 c.m. each Sunday.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

Notes

Morning Worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. . . .
Kindergarten Class each Sunday at 10:30 . . . .
Grades 1-4 Wednesdays 3:15 p.m.

Worship Returns to Sanctuary

During the winter months the morning worship has been held in the social room. On Palm Sunday the service will return to the sanctuary. The Palm Sunday service will include the distribution of palms to the worshipers. Both the Junior and Senior Choirs will sing.

Maundy Thursday Communion Uses Passover elements

The Maunday Thursday Communion celebration of our congregation on Thursday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. will be based on the Passover feast as we celebrate it this year. Prayers, explanations and elements of the Passover will be incorporated so that the congregation will be able to feel the close identity of the Christian communion service with the Jewish Passover. It was the Passover that Jesus celebrated with his disciples, but elements of their special relationship were incorporated into the ceremony. The service this year will be our attempt to show how the "Christian" character it has come to assume was nevertheless deeply rooted in this important Jewish festival. People not regularly a part of the congregation are invited to share in this festival event deeply rooted in both the Jewish and Christian faiths. In order that adequate preparations may be made plea call 528-1031 stating whether you intend to be there.

Good Friday Pilgrimage for Hunger

The Monterey Youth Group is joining in a Pilgrimage for Hunger sponsored by the Harvest of Hope on Good Friday. The youth invite all others in the Monterey community to join with them, either in the pilgrimage itself or in sponsoring "pilgrims." The walk will begin in Alford and will end in Lee, a distance of twenty miles. There will be places of rest and refreshment along the way, and places of termination for those who cannot walk the entire distance.

It is hoped that those who cannot walk will help sponsor those who are walking, by a minimum of 5¢ per mile. Larger amounts will be most welcome.

Here is an important way to lift up the important issue that hunger is in our world, and further start to do something about it.

Easter Worship

Easter is on March 26th this year and the morning worship will be at 10:30 a.m. This is the festival of joy that climaxes the weeks of Lenten perparation, and will be celebrated with appropriate music and scriptures. The sermon will be on the subject, "Risen with Christ." During Lent the worship has centered on the history of salvation, showing the character of the eternal that flows through life. The Easter celebration will center upon this "final" evidence of our participation in the eternal through the resurrection of Christ.

G E O G R A P H Y E X A M

Sample questions: What is a glacier?
What is the function of the sea?
What is a canyon?

Glaciers are cruel and jagged and cold,
The sea submits to the moon's silver whim,
Ceaselessly swinging from pole to pole,
Frothing and murmuring at the rim.

What is a canyon? Wide and deep
Between the soaring mountain peaks.
When can the children go to sleep?
At the end of these foolish testing weeks.

One little boy is through too soon.
He chuffs and whirrs like an aeroplane,
His elbows flap to a soundless tune,
He is far away in another domain.

Do not call him back to this world.
Life shimmers and beckons at ten years old;
Then the wings are folded and furled
And friends for Life turn cruel and cold,

Cold as the glaciers' icy thrust
Into the blue, indifferent sky.
Work is inevitable while we must,
But never let the bright dreams die.

Patricia Hayward

DISCOVERY

(This article was first published several years ago. A number of people have requested reprints of. It is appropriate to this season, so is being reprinted)

Last month my son Gary came to where I was working in the lower part of the yard and said in a voice of quiet excitement, "Dad, I want you to come up on the hill with me -- there is something you've just got to see." When we arrived a few moments later he faced me toward the southwest, instructed me to kneel down low on the ground and look across the top of the grass. What I saw made my eyes fairly bulge with wonder. There reflected in the rays of the late afternoon sun, was a shimmering network of spiderwebs interlacing the grass with an intricate pattern of beauty. I was seeing something I had never seen before. To be sure, I had seen spiderwebs in the grass many times, but nothing resembling this.

It was hours later, after darkness had settled over the land, that the real impact of this experience broke upon me. It overwhelmed me to realize that year after year this wonder had been under my feet and I had been blind to it. What enabled it to happen now? Well, in this instance it came because of another's experience and discovery. But the only way I could see it for myself was to be in a certain new position at a certain moment. Indeed, position made all the difference in the world. Only as I was bowed down with my eyes near the grass level and looking in the direction of the setting sun was I able to see and participate in this marvel of nature. I still feel chagrin as I realize that this amazing sight has been lying around me for years. Yet I was as good as blind until I found myself in a new position.

In the Gospel according to St. Luke there is a story that stirs my imagination. Jesus had been crucified and his broken body placed in a tomb. In the tomb also were the hopes and dreams of those who had shared a few unforgettable years in his company. Now, two of the heartbroken disciples were returning to their home in Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem. As they walked, they were joined by a stranger. They poured out their hearts to him. He listened and talked to them about disappointment and hope. As they came to a place where the road parted, they begged the stranger to stay with them for the night since darkness was already beginning to fall. But even more than the simple desire to give hospitality, they wanted to continue in the presence of this person who understood their pain and grief so well. Then, as they sat to share the evening meal, the stranger took the bread in his hands, blessed, broke it and gave it to them. In that instant their eyes were opened and they knew that their own Lord had walked with them on their toilsome journey. Needless to say, during that journey their eyes were unseeing, but now, in a new and yet familiar setting, their eyes were opened. Only then could they look back on their journey and say to each other, Did we not feel our hearts on fire as he talked with us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?"

Now shall we begin to talk about the very personal and painful experience that it is to lose a dear one to death? Death comes with its sudden icy grip and all signs of life are gone. The body is without response. There is no smile, no voice, no communication. Death presents itself with absolute finality. There is no way to argue with its impact. Once there was life, now there is none. This mandate stands regardless of anything you may say or do.

For what I wish to say next I have no skill and there are no words. But let me try anyway. Death has a way of making its message so clear that you soon learn to stop bruising your fist and wasting your voice. Fight as you will, nothing is going to change, and the sooner you accept this message the better off you will be.

Then, it may be, some time after you have made the best terms you can with the death of your loved one, a tiny incident no larger than the flickering of an eyelash speaks to you of a presence of which you have been unaware. It is so easy to miss. But other incidents come, carrying also about the same weight as the flickering of an eyelash. Doubt is easily able to demolish anything so fragile and delicate. But suppose you start to wonder in spite of all your doubt? Well then, any psychologist can readily point out how handy all we humans are at seeing the things we long to see. And, of course, he is absolutely right.

I have spent a lifetime learning that to see new things I must stand in a new position. Less than a year ago I was put in a starkly new position by the sudden death of a son. Though I had dealt with many times before, this made me face it from a new perspective. Out of this and the events that followed for our family, I want to affirm in a new way that often repeated line from the creed, "I believe. . . in the communion of saints." Also I find a new affirmation when I sing, "For all the saints who from their labors rest,/ Who thee by faith before the world confessed,/ Thy name O Jesus, be forever blessed. Alleluia! Alleluia!/ And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,/ Steals on the ear the distant song,/ And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!"

Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ

Daniel Allen Woodrow Schmidt, son of Randy and Brynn Schmidt, was born February 24. His parents find him completely satisfactory.

The first quarterly meeting of the Board of Directors for 1978 was held at the Farm March 11. The Rev. Paul Kennedy presided. The day was fine and there was a larg attendance. The Directors discussed the report of the Executive Director, Kent Smith, and approved it with appreciation. The new half-way house at Lincoln, Mass. is going well. Two staff members, Virgil and Liz Stucker (and Dominic) started living there in January. The guests have found full-time jobs. Others will soon join them. At full capacity Farrington House will accommodate twenty guests and five staff members. The Directors voted to hold their next regular meeting in May at Farrington House and to have Open House there at that time for neighborhood frien

The Treasurer's report for 1977 was approved in detail and the budget for 1978. The second three-year term of Dr. Albert Danielsen as Vice-President of the Board has expired. Dr. Jessie Danielsen was elected the new Vice-President.

On February 11 and again on March 4 members of the staff and guests played basketball at New Marlborough Academy, which won both games. On March 11 they played again and at last the Gould Farmers beat the students in a close match, 65-64. The cheers were loud and long.

Rose McKee

Monterey Grange #291

We met March 1 for Home and Community Night in charge of Florence Brown, Chairman. Sister Eva Bond, state Home and Community Representative, was present. A poem by member Eleanor Kimberley was read.

In the crazy hat parade Carl Jespersen won first prize for prettiest, John Lossin first prize for funniest and Helen Schroeder first prize for the most original

It was noted that Richard Hardisty was written up in "Who's Who" for his poetry.

On March 15 an open meeting, Booster Night was observed. Pomona Deputy Arthur Lyman from Amherst was guest speaker. There were a number of non-members present.

Mary Wallace

Lecturer

GIRL SCOUTS

Brownies

Last week the Brownies visited Catherines Chocolate Shop. They learned all about the making os chocolates and how to hand dip candy. The Brownies will be celebrating Juliette Low Day, the founder of the girl scouts.

JUNIORS

The Juniors had a skating party in February. They are selling Girl Scout cookies from March 4 to March 11. If no one has visited you please get in contact with Linda Whitbeck.

BOY SCOUTS

Cub Scouts

The Monterey Den has been very busy with winter sports. They have been cross-country skiing at the Egremont Country Club and ice skating at Gould Farm.

Webelos

The Webelos have been working on forestry and engineering with Mr. Donald Amstead. There will be a Blue and Gold covered dish supper in the Monterey church basement, March 31, at 6:00 p.m. Each family is asked to bring their own table settings.

YOUTH GROUP

The Youth Group will be participating in the hunger walk from Alford to Lee (20 miles as a Good Friday service project. They will be seeking sponsors to help with the fight against hunger.
Future projects will include two sessions dealing with drug abuse.
They also are planning a swimming party at the Heberts in the near future.

4-H Horse Club

On February 22 the Monterey Roadrunners attended a lecture by Dr. Gerald Lemieux at the Berkshire Gas Company in Pittsfield.
The next meeting will be March 29 at the Berkshire Gas Company in Pittsfield.

LOST

The measure of what we have lost is this:

That a child will stand

Before the window and watch the snow

Fluff softly down on the land;

Unaware that he is wise

He stands with his whole life in his eyes.

We praise the scene with silence or speech

But while we look, the hand will reach

Out for its task, or to close the door.

But nothing will snow for us, anymore.

Margery Mansfield